

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Proposition A Excess Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for acquisition in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek watershed.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing assignment of Proposition A Excess Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for acquisition in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek watershed, in an amount up to \$1,800,000.

<u>Background</u>: The Milton Street property (APNs 4221-024-010 and 011) is a 1.2-acre parcel adjacent to Ballona Creek, directly downstream from the Centinela Avenue entrance to the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path. In 2005, the MRCA and the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) jointly completed an improvement project at the Centinela entrance, adding native plant landscaping, visitor amenities, decorative fencing and stonework, and an interpretive sign. The property is also adjacent to the back side of Marina del Rey Middle School. Negotiations between the Milton Street property owner and the BHRCA are underway for the BHRCA to acquire fee title.

District Two Big Five Excess Funds can only be spent in District Two. Expenditure of the subject sub-account of excess funds requires consensus between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the subject Supervisor. The Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority would enter into a Project Agreement directly with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and no further action would be required by the MRCA.